



Solicitation Information

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Addendum #2

RFP # 7465367

TITLE: Substance Abuse Testing & Treatment for Offenders on Parole

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2013 at 11:30 AM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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1. Who is the current provider for this contract?
The Providence Center
2. What is the current cost for urinalysis testing per sample?
\$36.00 per screen
3. Who is the incumbent laboratory or drug testing provider?
Dominion Labs
4. What does your agency currently pay for the initial drug screen?
\$36.00
5. What does your agency (or offender) currently pay for the GC/MS confirmations?
Generally \$36.00 -but can vary according to type of confirmation test.
6. Does that State prefer screening offenders using a laboratory screen or an on-site device?
This question would depend on other aspects of the full proposal.
7. If the State prefers to screen using an on-site device, what is the preferred format (i.e. cup device, panel dip, or oral fluids)?
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8. Would the State accept proposals on new technologies having to do with device interpretation?
Technical aspects of the LOI response will be considered during the review process.
9. The RFP states that your agency is interested in using methodologies similar to that of the "Colors Program." Would you please provide the attachment or a link to the Colors Program specifications and methodologies?
We are asking that the applicant familiarize themselves with the Colors program "model" and propose what "they" think is the best local program for testing RI Parolees.
10. On Page 8 of the Testing Specifications, the bid states that the cost for confirmation tests will be the responsibility of the offender. GC/MS and LC/MS/MS confirmations on all presumptive positives are strongly recommended as these results are legally defensible. Is the State interested in confirming the presumptive positives? Or will all confirmations be handled through the offender?
At the present time the state does not pay for the confirmation of presumptive positives.

11. Given this bid is requesting both drug testing and rehabilitation services, would the State consider awarding two vendors; one for collections/rehabilitation services and the other for drug testing?

No.

12. Technical Proposal – Is there a font preference? In consideration of the 6 page limit, is single spaced acceptable?

The LOI does not specify font size.

13. On pg. 6 under Security Requirement, it's stated that employees of contractors who must gain entrance to DOC facilities need to be able to pass security. While we would ensure that all of our employees could do so, why would someone connected to this project need to access DOC facilities as the testing and treatment, and in our minds the education, be held off site?

This is a DOC policy that applies to all facilities including Community Corrections offices and to all vendors.

14. The policy #28.30 DOC that is stated as attached is not attached. Where do we find it? What about the other listed policy (#9.36-2 PBP)?

Policy #28.30 DOC is no longer a public document. Necessary information will be provided to the successful vendor.

Below is the link to Policy #9.36-3 PBP (which supersedes 9.36-2).

<http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/policy/all.php>

15. Please define your use of the terms testing “for cause” and “mandatory.” What are specific triggers for either of these?

“For cause pertains to suspected violations” and mandatory pertains to our statutory requirement to randomly test a segment of the Parole population.

16. At our agency, refusal of a tox screen of any kind by a parolee already prompts an automatic report to probation/parole. Is this in conflict with the policies for this proposal? **No.**

17. Regarding the database for reporting – will there be remote access and opportunity for a shared data base with probation/parole?

That depends on the type of data that is being shared and our capacity to support the necessary technology and provide the appropriate confidentiality of the data.

18. Will the automatic spreadsheet be interactive between organizations partnering on this project?

We do not currently have the technology to support this.

19. Quarterly reports – On pg. 8, under Education and Treatment, it is stated that quarterly reports are required that describe education program initiatives and offender participation, although all other reports are monthly. Will there be a format provided? What outcomes measures are being targeted?

We are requesting that the vendor provide the format and conceptualize the targeted outcomes.

20. What is the treatment test in addition to mandatory, for cause and random? **Not addressed in the LOI.**

21. Please explain “relevant client references” mentioned on pg. 11 under Section 4.2 Capability Competency, and Qualifications of Offeror. As a behavioral health organization that must follow HIPPA, to share client names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. would constitute a serious breach of confidentiality. To gain permission for release of information from our large number of clients would not be feasible.

That section refers to getting relevant applicant references about the vendor applying for this LOI not from individual “clients of the agency”.

22. Pg. 15 – The RFP asks for a separate, signed and sealed Cost Proposal. What constitutes sealed? Is a sealed envelope adequate or does there need to be verification, such as a notary’s seal?

Sealed envelope will be sufficient. Increased security would be the choice of the applicant agency.